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Dear Dr. Wenrich:

Thank you for your renewed invitation, in your letter of the 18th, to join in the published symposium on Sex in Microorganisms.

I shall be pleased to accept the responsibility for a brief resume of genetic work on sex in bacteria. Insofar as there already exists a detailed documentation of such work, a comprehensive account should be unnecessary, but I am ready to concede the usefulness of a brief review and guide to that literature.

May I reserve the privilege of enlisting a co-author for this chapter? I have in mind either my wife, or Professor Tatum, or both — who have been closely associated with my own researches in this field. As they have not yet been consulted, this should be regarded as tentative and confidential.

It would be helpful if I could have instructions with regard to the format and editorial policy of the publication.

Yours sincerely,

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